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Applicant: Thomas Koehler
Serial No: 09/786,072 Art Unit: 1645
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CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS, METHOD FOR
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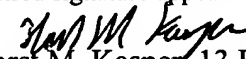
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2003 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on July 24, 2004.

Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants further respectfully request that this